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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
LINKING PHONG THO, LAO CAI, YEN BAI AREA
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON SEVERAL ROUTES LINKING PHONG THO, LAO CAI, AND YEN BAI, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. MISSION READOUT:

A. [REDACTED] REVEALS ROAD CONSTRUCTION JUST SOUTHEAST OF PHONG THO AND NINE NM SOUTHEAST OF THE NORTH VIETNAM/ CHINA BORDER. THE ROAD IS OBSERVED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 604 AT 2231N 10320E, TWO NM SOUTHWEST OF PHONG THO AND IT EXTENDS SOUTHEAST ALONG THE GENERAL REPORTED ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 132. THE ROAD PASSES THROUGH NAM SAN (2225N 10328E) SOUTHEAST TO APPROXIMATELY 2219N 10338E WHERE IT TURNS NORTHEAST AND GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE REPORTED ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 4 TO APPROXIMATELY 2220N 10340E AT WHICH POINT IT IS NO LONGER OBSERVED DUE TO HEAVY CLOUD COVER. THE ROAD IS IN MID-TO-LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OBSERVED.

B. [REDACTED] REVEALS A ROAD IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION FROM THE REPORTED JUNCTION OF ROUTES 132 AND 4 ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 4. THIS CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED EAST-NORTHEAST

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TO 2221N 10346E. A SERVICEABLE ROAD CONTINUES FROM THIS POINT EAST TO CHAPA (2220N 10350E) AND THEN NORTHEAST TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 412 AT 2235N 10350E NEAR LAO CAI.

C. [REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ROAD

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CONSTRUCTION SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI:

CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED FROM ROUTE 4 AT 2222N 10414E, APPROXIMATELY 17 NM SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI, SOUTHEAST TO ROUTE 135 AT LANG PHO RANG (2214N 10428E). THE ROAD THEN CONTINUES SOUTHEAST, FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 157, TO LANG COC (2211N 10434). THE ROAD, IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, THEN EXTENDS FROM LANG COC SOUTHEAST TO 2208N 10439E. FROM THIS POINT THE ROAD (IN EARLY-TO-MID-STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION) CONTINUES SOUTH TO 2203N 10440E; AT THIS POINT THE ROAD TURNS SOUTHEAST AND CONTINUES FOR 24.8 NM TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 13A AT 2144N 10556E.

A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED, SERVICEABLE ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS FROM THIS NEW ROAD AT A POINT ELEVEN NM NORTHWEST OF ROUTE 13A AT 2149N 10453E EAST TO ROUTE 157 AT 2148N 10458E.

A SERVICEABLE ROAD EXTENDS EAST-SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 13A, 600 YARDS EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH THE NEW ROAD, TO ROUTE 157 AT 2140N 10505E.

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3. REMARKS:

ALL ROUTE DESIGNATORS AND THE REPORTED ALIGNMENT OF ROUTES ARE
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THE BLACK LINES ON THE MAP SHOWN ON THIS GRAPHIC DEPICT EXISTING
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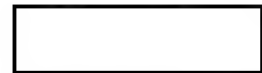
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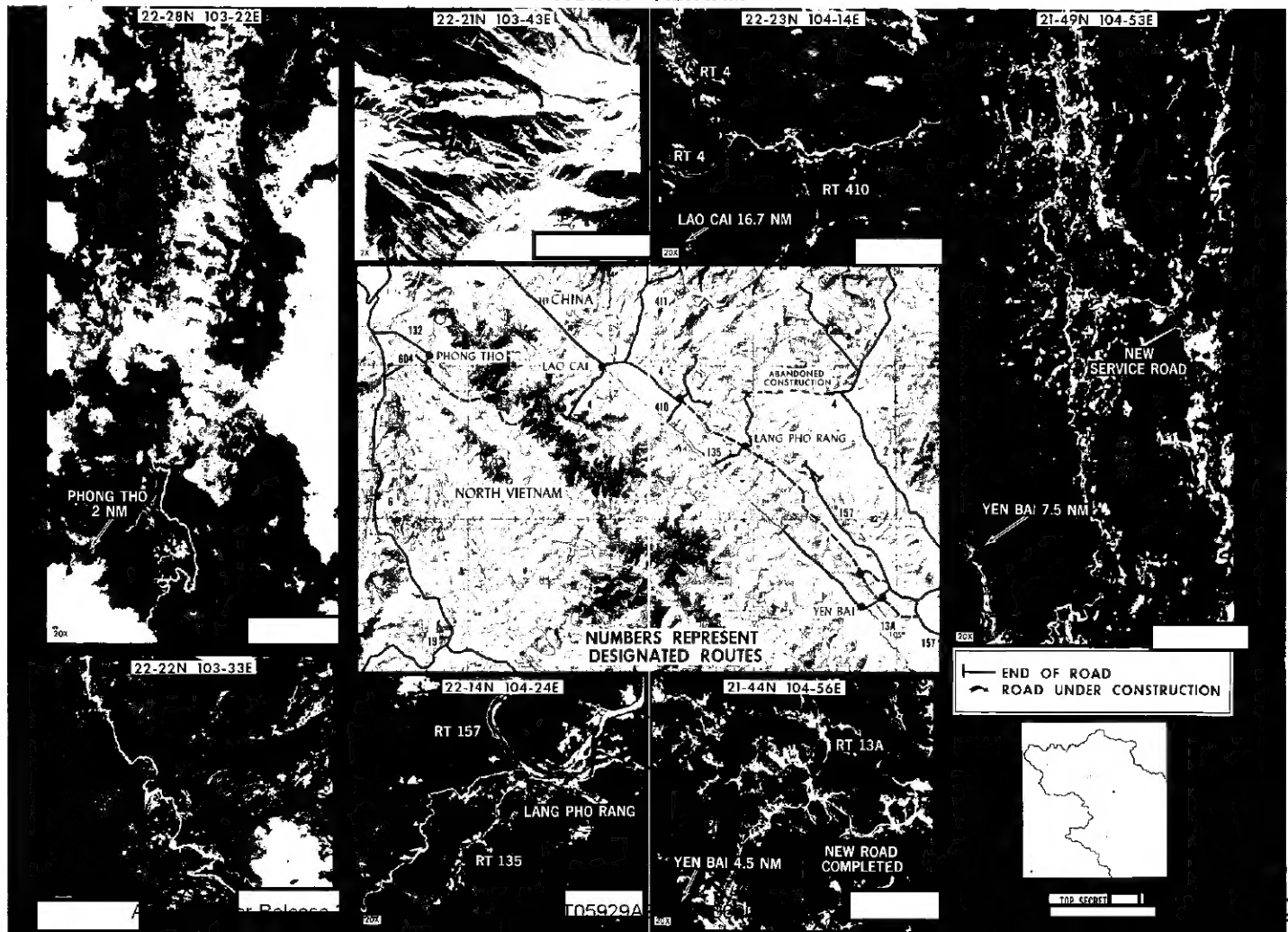
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